

Application No. 09/742,449

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiners Pierre and Smits in the September 28 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,002,997 to Tou in view of U.S. Patent 5,697,789 to Sameth et al. ("Sameth"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tou does not teach, disclose or suggest "displaying contextually relevant remedial information including a graphically structural representation of discourse for at least one of the at least one identified flaws," as recited in claims 1, 6 and 11; and "generating a structural representation of discourse for each identified flaw trend; creating flaw revision information for each identified flaw trend; saving this structural representation of discourse and the flaw revision information for each identified flaw trend in a flaw information store," as recited in claim 10. Sameth does not cure the deficiencies of Tou.

Tou discloses a method for translating cultural subtleties in machine translation "to translate cultural subtleties via the mapping of the source-language thought processes into the target-language thought processes" (col. 2, lines 35-39). Sameth discloses a method and apparatus for aiding foreign language instruction including a language instruction program using a story to teach the foreign language by displaying selected frames about the story and dialog balloons that include phrases in the foreign language associated with the frames.

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However, Tou and Sameth do not teach, disclose or suggest the variously recited structural representations of discourse as claimed.

Even if combined, Tou in view of Sameth, does not render obvious "displaying contextually relevant remedial information including a graphically structural representation of discourse," as recited in claims 1, 6 and 11; and generating a structural representation of discourse, creating flaw revision information and saving the structural representation of discourse as recited in claim 10.

Claims 1, 6, 10 and 11 would not have been rendered obvious by Tou and Sameth. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, and claims 7-9 depend from claim 6, and thus, claims 2-5 and 7-9 also would not have been rendered obvious by Tou and Sameth. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

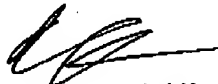
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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